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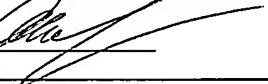
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

Applicants respectfully bring to the Examiner's attention that five of the references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were cited in an International Search Report, enclosed herewith.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. As this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. Patent Documents are not included.

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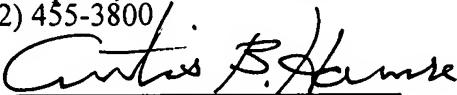
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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
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	6 039 736	21 March 2000	PLATT, JR.			
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	6 197 026	6 March 2001	FARIN et al.			
	2 828 748	1 April 1958	AUGUST			
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	6 112 123	29 Aug. 2000	KELLEHER et al.			
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	DE 41 39 029	24 June 1993	Germany			Abstract
	DE 198 20 240	2 Dec. 1999	Germany			Abstract
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